

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)
Proposed Rule
Key Provisions

- Establishes the SFMNP as a permanent program and states its purpose.
- Sets out criteria for SFMNP eligibility based on: 1) age (60 or older with some exceptions), 2) residency, and 3) income (not more than 185% of poverty).
- Allows State agencies the option to deem an applicant automatically income eligible based on documentation of the applicant's eligibility to participate in another means-tested assistance program, as designated by the State agencies. For other applicants, requires State agencies to obtain documentation of family income at certification to determine income eligibility.
- Allows State agencies to use no more than 8 percent of their Federal SFMNP funds for administrative costs.
- Allows State agencies to authorize farmers markets, roadside stands or Community Supported Agriculture Programs (CSA).
- Establishes that the SFMNP benefit received by each recipient may not be less than \$20 or more than \$50 each year for all program models.
- Establishes a funds allocation procedure.
- Delegates the responsibility for direct administration of the SFMNP to State agencies; allows nonprofit organizations or local government entities to operate program at local level.
- Requires each State agency to submit a State Plan of Operations annually for the SFMNP. One consolidated State Plan may be submitted for State agencies administering the SFMNP and the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.
- Sets out State agency responsibilities regarding authorizing, training and monitoring of farmers, farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs to accept SFMNP benefits.
- Requires the State agency to maintain a financial management system that provides accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial status of the SFMNP and to submit closeout reports each fiscal year.